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SUBJECT: 9 FAM Update – New I-20 and DS-2019 Forms

1. The Department updated [9 FAM 41.61](#) "Students – Academic and Nonacademic" and [9 FAM 41.62](#) "Exchange Visitors" on June 24, 2015, with a sample I-20 as [Exhibit I](#) in [9 FAM 41.61](#) and a new sample of the DS 2019 as [Exhibit I](#) in [9 FAM 41.62](#).
2. On June 26, 2015, DHS' Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released new I-20 and DS-2019 forms. Consular officers can accept the previous forms if issued on June 26, 2015, or earlier, until July 1, 2016, when only the new forms will be valid.
3. The new Form I-20 differs primarily in the labeling of mandatory name fields. The new form adds optional name fields, and has a larger, more prominent display of the visa class in the upper right-hand corner of the form:

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038
SEVIS ID: N0004705512		
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith	GIVEN NAME John	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1980	ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME John Doe-Smith	
SCHOOL INFORMATION		

4. Some additional changes on Form I-20 are:
 - Moves the instructions to page three of the form;
 - Makes the SEVIS ID number more visible on page one;
 - Removes the barcode and the blocks for visa and port of entry information;
 - Displays the school and program of study information more clearly;
 - Specifies the number of dependents;
 - Displays employment authorization information more clearly; and
 - Expands the following sections of the form to display information, if needed:
 - Change of Status/Cap Gap Extension
 - Event History.
5. The DS-2019 has minor changes:

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- In Block 1:
 - "Family Name" changed to "Surname/Primary Names";
 - "First Name" changed to "Given Name"; and
 - "Middle Name" is removed.
- On page two, paragraph two: instructions specifying that J2s 14 years and older must sign their own forms, and that the J1 principal must sign the form for their dependents under 14.